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SUBJECT 1. FORTHCOMING VERDICTS AND FUTURE PLANS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL (IWCT).  
2. COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE IWCT.

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1. SUMMARY: THE IWCT SECRETARIAT IS IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING THE VERDICT OF THE IWCT WHICH WILL BE PROCLAIMED ON 1 DECEMBER WHEN THE WAR CRIMES TRIALS WILL BE CONCLUDED. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL RATHER THAN PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE FOUND GUILTY OF WAR CRIMES. THE IWCT IS RECEIVING EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND CUBAN GOVERNMENTS. THE OTHER COMMUNIST NATIONS ARE REMAINING SILENT ON THE IWCT ACTIVITIES AND DO NOT PLAN TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEXT IWCT MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COPIAGUA DURING THE SECOND HALF OF NOVEMBER. END OF SUMMARY.

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2. THE FINAL VERDICT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL WILL SINGLE OUT PRESIDENT JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK AND SECRETARY

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OF DEFENSE ROBERT McNAMARA AS WAR CRIMINALS. [REDACTED] DEAL IN PERSONALITIES, THE IWCT WILL CONDEMN THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL AS GUILTY OF WAR CRIMES. THE FINDING OF THE TRIBUNAL WILL INCLUDE GENOCIDE, INHUMANE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS BY THE AMERICANS, AND POSSIBLY DEFOLIATION. THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH KOREA AND NEW ZEALAND WILL BE NAMED AS ACCOMPLICES TO THE WAR CRIMES. THE TRIBUNAL IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF ALSO CITING THE GOVERNMENTS OF THAILAND, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN AS WAR CRIMINALS. LELIO BASSO IS IN CHARGE OF WRITING THE FINAL PROCLAMATION OF THE IWCT.

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3. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND CUBAN GOVERNMENTS ARE GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IWCT. THE OTHER COMMUNIST NATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE REMAINING SILENT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IWCT, AND IN FACT ARE NOT BACKING THE IWCT AND WILL NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COPENHAGEN SESSION.

COMMENT: [REDACTED] SAID, "THEY ARE AGAINST US") THE COMMUNIST CHINESE WERE INTERESTED IN THE TRIBUNAL SESSIONS BUT DECIDED TO BOYCOTT THE PROCEEDINGS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY COULD NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH "COMMUNIST REVISIONISTS". THE ALGERIANS HAVE COOLED ON THE IWCT AS A RESULT OF THE PRO-ISRAELI ACTIVITIES OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE IWCT. AN ALGERIAN NATIONAL WILL NOT PARTICIPATE AS ONE OF THE JUDGES IN THE COPENHAGEN SESSION, AS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE IWCT SECRETARIAT AND THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (FCP)

5 HAVE DETERIORATED TO THE POINT WHERE FCP MEMBERS HECKLE SPEAKERS AT IWCT  
4 MEETINGS AND PUBLISH ANTI-IWCT ARTICLES.  
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4. A TWO-MAN TEAM HAS BEEN SENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM BY THE IWCT TO INVESTIGATE WAR CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE ALLIED ARMED FORCES. THE TEAM IS CURRENTLY TRAVELLING IN VIET CONG CONTROLLED AREAS. ONE OF THE TEAM MEMBERS IS CUBAN.

COMMENT: HANOI'S VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY (VNA) REPORTED 25 SEPTEMBER 1967 THAT THE SIXTH INVESTIGATING TEAM OF THE IWCT WAS IN HANOI AT THAT TIME, THAT IT WAS LED BY JEAN PIERRE VIGIER [French member of FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY DISSIDENT AND FORMERLY ON THE FCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE], AND THAT IT INCLUDED "CUBAN MILITARY EXPERT" GUILLERMO FRANCIS JAMES [NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED].) Cuba North Vietnam

5. COPENHAGEN WAS CHOSEN AS THE SITE OF THE NEXT TRIBUNAL SESSION NOT AS THE RESULT OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PRESSURES ON THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN BUT BECAUSE THE HALL IN STOCKHOLM WHERE THE LAST SESSION WAS HELD IS RESERVED FOR CONVENTIONS DURING THE DATES OF THE PLANNED IWCT SESSION. COPENHAGEN WAS CHOSEN AS THE BEST AVAILABLE SITE.

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